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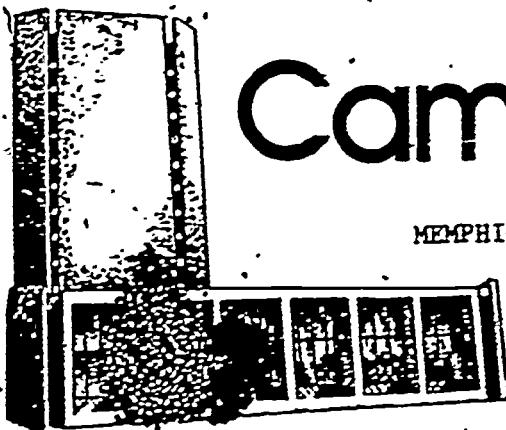
ABSTRACT

This bibliography lists 30 basic references to the metric system. In addition to the author, title, and publication data, each listing includes a brief annotation and the Library of Congress catalog number. (SD)

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## THE METRIC SYSTEM:

### A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BASIC REFERENCES

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The Metric System:  
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In 1821 John Quincy Adams presented to Congress a report dealing with the ~~standardization of the United States measurement system.~~ After four years of investigation, Adams concluded that while the metric system approached "the ideal perfection of uniformity applied to weights and measures" the time for its introduction was not right. He rejected the system.

One-hundred and fifty-four years later the time has come. Today the United States is the only major nation in the world which has not converted to the metric system. In order to be able to participate profitably in the increasingly competitive field of international business and trade, the United States must convert. Each year the pressures become stronger. The question no longer seems to be will the United States convert to the metric system or even when but how.

There have been through the years several forms of the metric system. In 1960 the General Conference on Weights and Measures, the international authority on matters concerning units of measurement, adopted a universal system of weights and measures. This system, Le Système International d'Unités (SI), is today the most widely accepted form of the metric system.

Individual companies have already begun the conversion process. Their need to compete in the international market has made this inevitable. The orientation of the general public, however, is another problem. The purpose of the following is to provide a basic, working bibliography for use by libraries in building collections to aid in this orientation. It is not comprehensive, but is designed to include titles of a basic instructional nature, as well as those which are technical.

SI METRICATION

QC Clason, W.E. (comp.). Elsevier's Lexicon of International and National Units. New York: Elsevier Pub. Co., 1964.

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E37  
REF A guide to meaning and value of internationally and nationally used units. International units, arranged alphabetically by unit, have definitions in English followed by same word in ten different languages.

QC Page, Chester H., and Paul Vigoureux. The International System of Units (SI). Washington: National Bureau of Standards, 1972.

91  
B86x  
ENGP Translation of the French "Le Système International d'Unités." Reviews history of metrics, base and derived units of SI system, and units outside this system.

QC Burton, D.C.P., and P. Leighton. Metrication and Technical Education. London: Pitman Pub., 1970.

91  
B87x  
ENGP Begins with historical background and description of the SI system. Followed by review of general problems associated with its introduction into technical education. Discussion of conversion of the workshop and laboratory to metric standards.

QC Chiswell, Barry, and E.C.M. Grigg. SI Units. Sydney, New York: J. Wiley and Sons Australasia, 1971.

91  
C46  
ENGP Basic information about SI system. History, definitions of units, rules for their use. Tables of physical quantities, symbols and units. Tables of conversion largest part of book.

QC Diamant, Rudolph Maximilian Eugen. Understanding SI Metrication. London: Angus and Robertson, 1970.

91  
D5  
ENGR History of weights and measures. Reasons for change to SI system. Explanation of SI system. Metrication as used in various disciplines. One chapter on simple and compound conversion factors.

QC Donovan, Frank Robert. Prepare Now for a Metric Future. New York: Weybright and Talley, 1970.

91  
D64  
1970  
CIRC Narrative history of weights and measures from the caveman to present day. Systems compared. Metric system reviewed. Conversion efforts of various countries related. Where U.S. stands today.

QC Gilbert, Thomas F., and Marilyn B. Gilbert. Thinking Metric. New York: Wiley, 1973.

91  
G55  
CIRC Self-instructional guide to the metric system. Includes exercises, problems, and self-tests.

QC Great Britain. Standing Committee on Metrication. Change to the Metric System in the United Kingdom: Report. London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1968.

91  
G73  
CIRC

Report of Standing Joint Committee on Metrication on setting up basic guidelines for change to the metric system in the United Kingdom.

QC Green, Marvin H. International and Metric Units of Measurement. 2d ed. New York: Chemical Pub. Co., 1973.

91  
G75  
1973  
ENGR

Up-to-date compilation of units of measurement and their conversion factors. Appendix: comparison of international and U.S. customary units.

QC Le Maraic, A.L. The Complete Metric System with the International System of Units (SI). Somers, New York: Abbey Books, 1973.

91  
44  
1973  
REF

Brief introduction to SI system. Physical constants and conversion factors. U.S. customary and international metric with two-way conversion tables. Guide to use of SI system with special tables.

QC Nechty, E.A. The International System of Units; Physical Constants and Conversion Factors. Washington: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1969.

91  
M45  
1969  
ENGR

Brief history of SI system. Definitions of SI units and tables of numerical factors for converting as approved for use by NASA.

QC Metric Weights and Measures (Filmstrip and tape cassette. 15 min.) Library Filmstrip Center, 1969.

91  
446x  
LMC

Presents basic metric units of length, mass, volume. Prefixes and their meanings. Simple problems of conversion and conversion factors.

QC National Conference on the Change to the International System (SI) Units for Energy, London, 1968. Proceedings. London: Ministry of Technology, 1969.

91  
J37x  
1968  
ENGR

Reproduction of papers presented at conference along with summaries of discussion from the floor.

QC Kozma, Paul. Preparing a metrication program in a company; a new task for the industrial engineer (Audiorecord). Development Digest, 1974.

91  
P7x  
LMC

Part of cassette library for industrial engineers.

QC Smart, James R. Metric Math: the Modernized Metric System (SI).  
91 Monterey, Calif.: Brooks/Cole Pub. Co., 1974.

S55 CIRC Discusses historical development of metric system. Definitions and concepts. How to convert from one unit of measurement to another. Exercise sets and laboratory activities allow book to be used as classroom text.

QC U.S. National Bureau of Standards. U.S. Metric Study: Interim Report. Washington, D.C.; National Bureau of Standards, 1971.

91 U58x ENGR Results of substudies of U.S. Metric Study. Topics include history of metric controversy, testimony of nationally representative groups, effects of conversion on U.S.

QC Keller, John J. Metric Manual; Development, Considerations, Tables, Comparisons, Definitions for Metrification in U.S.A. Neenah, Wis.: J.J. Keller and Associates, Inc., 1974.

92 J54 K43x ENGR Designed "to give interested persons . . . the background necessary to understand the full implications of conversion." Includes: history of measurement; development of metrology; metric training; business and professional concerns; organizations; comparisons; tables.

QC Metric system guide. Neenah, Wis.: J.J. Keller and Associates, Inc., 1975.

92 U54 K44 ENGR Five volume loose-leaf series "concerns the metric system and its adaptability to the U.S.". Contents: 1. Metrification in the U.S.; 2. Legislation and regulatory controls; 3. Metric units edition; 4. Metric reference edition; 5. Definitions and terminology.

QC Groner, Alex, and George A.W. Boehm. Going Metric. New York: Amacom, 1973.

92 U54 G76 CIRC OVERSIZE Report of American Management Association survey "conducted to determine U.S. management's current attitude" toward SI metrification and its state of preparedness for conversion.

QC Turner, Rufus P. Metrics for the Millions! Indianapolis: H.W. Sams, 1974.

92 U54 T87 CIRC Through comparison with U.S. system, strives to explain metric system in simplified terms. Discusses various classes of metric units and how to convert. Practice exercises at the end of each chapter.

QC Ploutz, Paul F. The Metric System; a Programmed Approach.  
93 Columbus, Ohio: Merrill, 1972.

P57 CIRC OVERSIZE Programmed manual containing the basic essentials of metric measurement required for mathematics and for science laboratory programs.

QC Lewis, Gerwyn Elidor David. Metric and Other Conversion Tables.  
94 London: Longman, 1973.

143 ENGR Introduction to the units, symbols, and definitions of SI system. Conversion tables occupy most of the book.

QC Ronningen, Helmer A. Metrics: Measurement for Tomorrow. New  
94 York: Collier Books, 1972.

R65 1972 REF The fingertip guide to quick, easy, accurate conversion for consumers, travelers, students, businessmen, engineers. Simplified explanation of metrics with use of tables, graphs, and charts.

QC Sellers, Robert C. (ed.). Basic Training Guide to the New  
94 Metrics and SI Units. Washington, D.C.: National Tool, Die  
S44 and Precision Machining Association, 1972.

1972b ENGR Basic introduction to metric-SI system. Part one: quick introduction for non-technical personnel; includes brief history of metric system, definitions, symbols, etc. Part two: SI units in technical work.

QC Semioli, William J., and Paul B. Schubert. Conversion Tables  
94 for SI Metrication. New York: Industrial Press, 1974.

S45 ENGR and REF Designed to assist engineers and those in related technical disciplines. Brief introduction to SI system. Extensive list of useful conversion tables for more common SI and English units (these tables occupy most of the book).

QC Gat, Uri (ed.). Proceedings: the International System of Units  
95 (SI) and What It Involves. Lexington: University of  
P76x Kentucky, 1972.

1972a ENGR Papers presented at conference on such topics as cost of conversion, conversion of machine tools, tooling and gaging, legal and legislative implications, educating for SI conversion, consumers conversions, etc.

QC Ramaswamy, G.S., and V.V.L. Rao. SI Units; a Source Book. New  
95 Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill Pub. Co., 1971.

R35 ENGR After brief introduction to units and standards in general and SI system in particular, discusses SI units in physics, in primary and secondary education, and in engineering and science.

TH Crocker, Alan E. Module and Metric: the Theory and Practice of Dimensional Co-ordination in Metric. New York: Praeger, 1971.

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G76

ENGR Explanation of metrication and dimensional co-ordination.

ANSI American National Standards Institute. Metric Practice Guide (Z210.1). New York: ANSI, 1973.

Z210.1

ENGR Guidelines offered by ASTM for use of SI in ASTM standards and in the standards of commerce and industry. Sections on SI units, symbols, rules for style and usage, rules for conversion and rounding.

ANSI American National Standards Institute. IEC Recommended Practice: Rules for the Use of Units of the International System of Units. (Z210.2) New York: ANSI, 1971.

Z210.2

ENGR Guidelines issued by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standards Committee for use of SI units.